



April 13, 2020

Dear Graduating Students and Families,

Thank you to the almost 500 of you who completed the Commencement Survey about alternative options. Your feedback was loud and clear – you want to have an in-person ceremony as soon as possible. We do too! We miss you and can't wait to celebrate your academic accomplishments, see you walk across the stage and hand you your diploma.

Your first choice was to have a ceremony in early August, followed by Homecoming weekend. We hope this will be possible, but we also acknowledge the public health risks we are still facing in Iowa and across the country. Because it is still unclear when it will be possible to assemble large gatherings, we prefer not to set a new date just yet. We are giving ourselves a little more time to learn about the spread of the virus and how it may or may not impact events this summer and/or fall.

Please know that we will schedule your commencement ceremony as early as it is safe to do so. We will be in touch in the coming weeks as we learn more.

In the meantime, we are working on ways to celebrate you! We are creating a special web page of graduates that will include your photo, hometown and your plans for after graduation. If you would like to participate, please fill out this [form](#) and upload your photo.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Henning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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